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Between 29 August and 6 September 1953, the barracks installation on either side of Schubertstrasse, north of Sundhausener Strasse, Gotha, was occupied by an estimated 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At 5 p.m. on 4 September, about 200 troops fell in in front of a barracks building, while two teams engaged in a game of soccer, with about 50 soldiers watching. About 50 troops left the installation toward the town while another 100 troops were in the barracks area. At 10 a.m. on 5 September, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with five machine guns and carrying spades marched to the training area.

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